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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12 January 2005.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 and 7-19 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 and 7-19 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

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DETAILED ACTION

Claims 1-5 and 7-19 are currently presented and have been examined.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed 12 January 2005 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

The Applicant argues that Lee does not teach or suggest wherein the user information management unit receives a user information from a user terminal that includes a personal information software for registering a user information. The Applicant discloses that "user information" as defined by the specification includes other data directly or indirectly related to the user, including data regarding the location of the user, related protocol address, as well as the user's desired services. Lee discloses:

"The PID serves to identify a user and an entry point for operation with the PMDNS of the present invention. When a called user's PID is launched with desired service options by a PMDNS user application, the user terminal queries the PMDNS server 150 in the IP network 102 for one or more TIDs corresponding to the PID. The PMDNS application server receives a request from the PMDNS user application and makes an intelligent network routing decision regarding when the user is using what terminal and type

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of service desired, e.g., POTS, e-mail, video, and fax, based upon the user's normal behavior observed by the network or his direct indication, and therefore maps the PID to a certain TID." (column 5, line 61-column 6, line 5)

Therefore, Lee discloses wherein the user information management unit or "PMDNS application server" receives a user information or "PID" from a user terminal that includes a personal information software or "PMDNS user application" for registering a user information or "maps the PID to a certain TID" and the claims are not in condition for allowance.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1-11 and 15-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by US Patent 6 161 008 A to Lee et al.

Regarding claim 1, Lee discloses an apparatus providing a communication service between a user using a terminal connected

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to an internet network through an internet service provider based on a personal identifier, comprising:

a user information management unit connected with the internet network for providing a unique personal identifier to a user and for providing a communication service based on the personal identifier information (column 2, lines 19-45), the user information management unit including:

a user information service unit for verifying a user ("user record") based on the personal identifier and for providing a desired service to the user ("calling") at the user's terminal through the internet network (column 2, lines 19-45, specifically lines 30-32; column 21, lines 4-18); and

a user information storing unit connected with the user information service unit for storing the user information including the personal identifier, (column 2, lines 19-45, specifically lines 35-36)

wherein such user information management unit receives a user information from a user terminal the includes a personal information software for registering a user information. (column 5, line 61-column 6, line 9)

Regarding claim 2, Lee discloses the apparatus of claim 1, wherein said user information storing unit stores a user information which represents a current connection state of a

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user, wherein said user information includes an internet protocol address of a terminal which is currently used by the user and an internet application service information which is currently used by the user for an internet application. (column 2, lines 19-26, 40-45, and 55-64)

Regarding claim 3, Lee discloses the apparatus of claim 2, wherein said internet application service information includes a mobile communication information including an identifier of a mobile communication terminal of a current user ("TID" or "terminal ID"). (column 5, lines 29-38; column 11, lines 11-32)

Regarding claim 4, Lee discloses the apparatus of claim 1, wherein said personal identifier is used in the same form as an existing domain name by combining a user identifier and a domain name of the user information management unit. ("tom@nortel.com"; column 5, lines 29-45)

Regarding claim 5, Lee discloses the apparatus of claim 1, further comprising means for connecting with the user information management unit for transferring a user applet to the user terminal and also for receiving the user information. (column 5, line 60-column 6, line 9)

Regarding claim 7, Lee discloses a method for providing a communication service between a user using a terminal connected

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to an internet network through an internet service provider based on a personal identifier, comprising:

a user information service providing step in which an internet network is connected for providing a unique personal identifier to a user and for providing a communication service based on the personal identifier (column 2, lines 19-45), wherein said user information service providing step includes:

a first step of receiving a personal identifier, a verification information ("user record"), and a user information service request message from a user who needs verification; (column 2, lines 19-45, specifically lines 30-32)

a second step of verifying the user based on the personal identifier and verification information; (column 21, lines 4-18)

a third step of performing a user information service based on the type of each user information service request message, ("calling"; column 21, lines 4-18), wherein when the user information service request message is a user information management request the third step includes receiving the personal identifier of the user and the verification information from the user terminal based on a connection with the user terminal including a personal information software for registering a user information (column 5, line 61-column 6, line 9); and

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a fourth step of transferring a result message obtained based on an execution of the user information service to the user in accordance with the type of the user information service request message. (column 2, lines 19-45, specifically lines 40-45)

Regarding claim 8, Lee discloses the method of claim 7, wherein said user information service request message of the third step includes:

a user information management request message for requesting a user information management; a user information inquiry request message for inquiring the information of other user who the user wants to communicate; and a user information deletion request message for deleting a registered user information by a user information management request. (column 7, line 63-column 8, line 11; column 9, line 30-column 10, line 15)

Regarding claim 9, Lee discloses the method of claim 7, wherein said third step includes:

a step for receiving a user information packet including a user information of the current user from the user terminal when the type of the user information service request message is a user information management request; (column 7, line 63-column 8, line 11; column 9, line 30-column 10, line 15, specifically column 9, lines 30-58)

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a step for extracting and storing a user information including the personal identifier of the user from the user information packet received; ("adding user records"; column 7, line 63-column 8, line 11; column 9, line 30-column 10, line 15) and

a step for generating a user information registration message which reports that the user information including the personal identifier is registered. ("information response"; column 7, line 63-column 8, line 11; column 9, line 30-column 10, line 15)

Regarding claim 10, Lee discloses the method of claim 7, wherein said third step includes:

a step in which the user information registration unit receives a personal identifier of a user and a verification information needed for a user verification from the user terminal when the type of the user information message is a user information management request; (column 7, line 63-column 8, line 11; column 9, line 30-column 10, line 15, specifically column 9, lines 30-58)

a step for verifying a user based on the personal identifier received and the verification information; (column 21, lines 4-18)

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a step in which the user information registration unit transfers a user applet to the user terminal, and the user applet is performed; a step for receiving a user information packet including a user information of the current user from the user terminal based on the user applet; (column 5, line 60-column 6, line 9)

a step for transferring the received user information packet to the user information management unit; and a step for generating a user information registration message which reports that the user information including the personal identifier is registered. ("information response"; column 7, line 63-column 8, line 11; column 9, line 30-column 10, line 15)

Regarding claim 11, Lee discloses the method of claim 7, wherein said third step includes:

a step for verifying a user based on the personal identifier and verification information; (column 21, lines 4-18)

a step for executing a personal information software of the user terminal; (column 5, line 60-column 6, line 9)

a step for receiving a user information packet including a user information of the current user from the user terminal based on the personal information software (column 7, line 63-column 8, line 11; column 9, line 30-column 10, line 15, specifically column 9, lines 30-58); and

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a step for generating a user information registration message which reports that the user information including the personal identifier is registered. ("information response"; column 7, line 63-column 8, line 11; column 9, line 30-column 10, line 15)

Regarding claim 15, Lee discloses the method of claim 7, wherein said third step includes:

a step for receiving a personal identifier of another user who is an object of the user information inquiry and an information with respect to the type of the internet application which will be serviced when the type of the user information service request message is a user information inquiry request; (column 7, line 63-column 8, line 11; column 9, line 30-column 10, line 15, specifically column 9, lines 30-58)

a step for searching a user information of a user who is an inquiry object based on the received personal identifier and the internet application service type information (column 7, line 63-column 8, line 11; column 9, line 30-column 10, line 15, specifically column 10, lines 7-9); and

a step for generating a user information message based on the user information corresponding to the personal identifier. ("information response"; column 7, line 63-column 8, line 11; column 9, line 30-column 10, line 15)

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Regarding claim 16, Lee discloses the method of claim 15, wherein said user information search step includes:

a step for searching a node identifier information corresponding to the internet application service type when the internet application service type information is an inquiry request with respect to the internet application type; a step for searching a node identifier information corresponding to the internet application service type when the internet application service type is a request with respect to an inter-working with the internet application service; and a step for searching an identifier information of the node identifier information corresponding to the internet application service type when the internet application service type information is a connection request with a communication session. (column 7, line 63-column 8, line 11; column 9, line 30-column 10, line 15, specifically column 10, lines 7-9)

Regarding claim 17, Lee discloses the method of claim 7, wherein said third step includes:

a step for receiving a personal identifier of a user and a user information from the user when the type of the user information service request message is a user information deletion request; ("deleting user records"; column 7, line 63-

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column 8, line 11; column 9, line 30-column 10, line 15,
specifically column 9, lines 30-58)

a step for searching and deleting a personal identifier and
a user information corresponding to the personal identifier
information and user information received from the user (column
7, line 63-column 8, line 11; column 9, line 30-column 10, line
15, specifically column 10, lines 7-9); and

a step for generating a user information deletion message
which represents that a user information of the user is deleted.
("information response"; column 7, line 63-column 8, line 11;
column 9, line 30-column 10, line 15)

Regarding claim 18, Lee discloses the method of claim 7,
further comprising:

a step for searching a mapping relationship information of
the type of an internet application and a node identifier
information with respect to a personal identifier of another
user who is an object of the inquiry when the user information
service request message type is an internet service inter-
working request among the user information inquiry requests when
transmitting a result message in the fourth step (column 7, line
63-column 8, line 11; column 9, line 30-column 10, line 15,
specifically column 10, lines 7-9); and

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a step for connecting the user's terminal which requested an inquiry through the mapping relationship information to an internet application service of the other user. (column 21, lines 4-18)

Regarding claim 19, Lee discloses the method of claim 7, further comprising:

a step for searching a mobile communication service type of the current user based on the type of the internet application with respect to a personal identifier of another user who is an object of the inquiry when the type of the user information service request message is a request of a connection with a communication session among the user information inquiries when transferring a result message in the fourth step; (column 5, line 60-column 6, line 9; column 21, lines 4-18)

a step for searching an identifier information of the mobile communication terminal based on the mobile communication service type through the node identifier information of another user; (column 5, lines 29-38; column 11, lines 11-32)

a step for connecting with a communication system using an identifier information of the mobile communication terminal; a step for setting a communication session to the mobile communication terminal based on an inter-working with the mobile communication network through the gateway of the internet; and a

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step for connecting the terminal of a user who requested an inquiry through the communication session and the mobile communication terminal. (column 21, lines 4-18)

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

The factual inquiries set forth in *Graham v. John Deere Co.*, 383 U.S. 1, 148 USPQ 459 (1966), that are applied for establishing a background for determining obviousness under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) are summarized as follows:

1. Determining the scope and contents of the prior art.
2. Ascertaining the differences between the prior art and the claims at issue.
3. Resolving the level of ordinary skill in the pertinent art.
4. Considering objective evidence present in the application indicating obviousness or nonobviousness.

Claims 12-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lee et al.

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Regarding claim 12, Lee discloses the method of claim 9, wherein said user information packet (column 14, line 40-column 15, line 17; column 15, lines 50-57) includes:

a dialing side internet protocol address which represents an internet protocol address of a terminal of the current user (column 11, lines 11-32);

an incoming side internet protocol address which represents an internet protocol address of the user information management unit for receiving the user information packet ("TID");

a personal identifier which represents a user's personal identifier ("PID");

an internet application type which represents the type of the internet application operated by the user; and a node identifier information which represents an internet protocol address information based on the type of the internet application. (column 5, line 60-column 6, line 9)

Lee does not disclose a private/public network flag which represents whether the terminal of the user exists in a private internet protocol network or in a public internet or a terminal internet protocol address which represents a public internet protocol address of the terminal in the case that the terminal exists in the public internet and which represents a public internet protocol address allocated to a gateway which connects

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the private network and public internet network when the terminal exists in the private internet protocol network, however, Lee does suggest that the terminal of a user may be on a public or private network using the internet protocol and the IP addressing system (column 3, line 53-column 4, line 9; column 5, lines 13-27).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to include a flag and terminal addresses to denote whether a user is on a public or private network because, based on the suggestion by Lee that a user may be on a private or public network, the invention of Lee would have to contain functionality that would enable the invention to reach a user on a private or public network through the use of private or public internet protocol addresses and some sort of indication that the user is on either network. Therefore, it would have been obvious to achieve the limitations as claimed.

Regarding claim 13, Lee discloses the method of claim 12, wherein said internet application types and node identifier information are provided in multiple numbers based on the number of the internet applications operated by the user. (column 5, line 60-column 6, line 9)

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Regarding claim 14, Lee discloses the method of claim 12, wherein said type of the internet application includes a mobile communication type of the current user, and the node identifier information further includes an identifier of the mobile communication terminal. (column 5, lines 29-38; column 5, line 60-column 6, line 9; column 11, lines 11-32)

Conclusion

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to George C. Neurauter, Jr. whose telephone number is (571) 272-3918. The


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examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 9AM to 5:30PM Eastern.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Wiley can be reached on (571) 272-3923. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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